

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of October 6, 2005, in which claims 1, 4 and 6-23 are presently pending. Of those, claim 2 has now been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,468,357 to Miller, et al. In addition, claims 2, 4, 6-11 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,327,145 to Lian, et al., in view of U.S. Patent 5,943,211 to Havey, et al. Claims 12, 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lian, in view of Havey, and in further in view of U.S. Patent 2,029,890 to Newman.

In addition, claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lian, in view of Havey, and in further in view of U.S. Patent 4,217,816 to Mancinelli. Claims 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 3,586,101 to Chu, et al., in view of Miller. However, claims 14-16 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected basic claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

As an initial matter, the Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for the reason that the drawings do, in fact, illustrate the "plurality of vanes pivotally mounted within said frame" in claim 19. Page 7, paragraph [0022] of the specification states, in part:

"Louvered cover 250 comprises vanes 252 pivotally mounted within a frame 254."

As can be seen from Figure 4 of the drawings (reproduced below), the louvered cover 250, the vanes 252 and the frame 254 are all depicted therein. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no corrected drawings sheets are required.

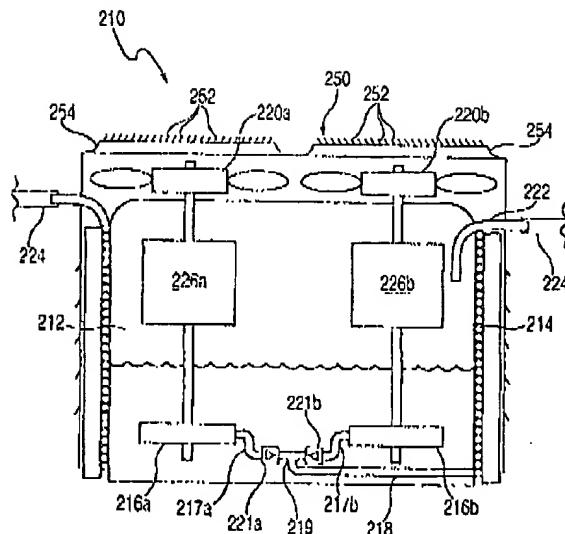


FIG. 4

With regard to the art of record, claim 4 has been amended so as to incorporate the elements of now cancelled claims 8 and 14 therin. As such, claim 4 is allowable over the art of record, as are the remaining claims dependent therefrom. Claims 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended to change the dependencies thereof, as a result of the cancellation of claims 8 and 14. Claims 2 and 20-23 have also been cancelled, thereby rendering all outstanding claim rejections moot.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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